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* 1013-C *Q.*—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have adopted it as a principle in making promotions of public servants that a public servant should not be promoted, even if he is qualified on grounds of seniority and merit, by reason of the fact that he belongs to a particular race, creed, class or community or in order to secure proportionate representation of communities; and

(*b*) if so, when this principle was adopted?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative. The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 740-C answered on 27th November 1928 for information as to the nature of the orders that have been passed regarding *recruitment* to Provincial Services.

Reforms

Approximate cost of the Legislative Council Committee for conferring with the Parliamentary Commission.

* 1014 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the approximate cost of the Legislative Council Committee appointed to jointly confer with the Parliamentary Commission regarding reforms and for holding its meeting at Madras and elsewhere, separately from or in collaboration with the Commission; and

(*b*) from what sources and under what headings in the budget estimates it will fall, what appropriations the Government will make and whether any and, if so, when a demand for additional or supplementary grant will be made in the Council?

A.—(*a*) The estimated cost at the rates already sanctioned by the Government is detailed below:—

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(1) Travelling and daily allowances of the Chairman and Members (including the travelling and halting allowances of the staff of the Committee)	21,000
(2) Pay and allowances of the Secretary to the Committee	14,000
(3) Pay of establishment, contingencies, etc. ...	10,000
Total ...	45,000

The Committee has however asked for higher daily allowances and if these rates are sanctioned, the estimated cost will be increased by Rs. 37,000; the Committee's request is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) The cost of the Committee is debitable to the head "22. R.B.a. General Administration—Legislative Bodies—Provincial Legislative Council." The expenditure during the current year on item (1) above will be met from the sanctioned

appropriation under "22. R.B.a. General Administration—Legislative Bodies—Provincial Legislative Council—Allowances - Voted—Travelling allowances." Item (2) which is non-voted, will be sanctioned by Government and taken against probable savings. Item (3) will be met from the savings anticipated under the minor head "22. R.B.b. General Administration—Legislative Bodies—Elections for Indian and Provincial Legislatures." No supplementary grant will be required to meet expenditure at the rates already sanctioned.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"With reference to clause (*a*) (1), may I know what the programme of the Committee is and also of the daily allowance that is allowed to the president and the individual members of the Committee ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not know their programme; but as regards the daily allowance, under the present orders they would get the daily allowance admissible to Members of the Legislative Council attending the meetings of the Council."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"It has been said that these gentlemen have claimed a higher daily allowance ; may I know how much, and whether the question has now, i e., by this date, been decided ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The question has not been decided, and I want notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the work of the Members will be in the Province only or outside it also ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"So far as I know, only in the Province."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"May I know whether it is to be confined to the City of Madras or extend outside it too ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"That I cannot say, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Have these Members applied for a trip to England, Sir ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I must ask for notice of that question ; I don't recollect."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"On what grounds have they applied for higher rates of allowance ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Because they have to sacrifice their own work for a considerable period while studying the subject on which they are engaged."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether this Committee is going to North Arcot district also where there is plenty of repression going on ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I can't say, Sir."

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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, in view of the fact that it was said that these Members are drawing the allowances that are permissible to Members of the Legislative Council, whether they are drawing such allowances in addition to the Legislative Council allowance on the days on which the Legislative Council meets here ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I should not think so ; but I would like to have notice."

Depressed Classes

Repairs to the wells for the depressed classes in Kurnool district.

*1015 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Collector of Kurnool has caused a programme to be drawn up of repairs to the wells of the depressed classes in the district ;

(b) whether he has also caused a programme of new well works for the same classes ;

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) are in the positive, whether the Government are making provision for the same in the next budget ; and

(d) what the amount so allotted is ?

A.—The Government have no information as to clauses (a) and (b) of the question. It is proposed to extend the operations of the Labour Department to the Kurnool district during 1929–30 and to make a provision of Rs. 9,000 in the budget estimate for 1929–30 for well works, etc., for depressed classes in the district.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether he will be pleased to get the information asked for in (a) and (b), in view of the fact that they are sanctioning an allotment for 1929–30 and some programme should be ready for the Labour Commissioner to begin with ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " I shall consider the suggestion, Sir. "

Labour

Extension of the operations of the Labour Department to Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts.

*1016 Q.—Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government intend to extend the operations of the Labour Department to the districts of Vizagapatam and Ganjam next year ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the reason why there is no intention of extending these operations to Vizagapatam, whether there is no necessity or they do not find it convenient ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " The Labour Commissioner recommended three districts."